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JAPANESE ICJ CANDIDACY --

AMB SAITO (JAPAN) INFORMED AMB SCALI THAT GOJ PLANNING
TO PUT FORWARD CANDIDACY OF PROF. SHIGERU ODA FOR INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE. SUZUKI (JAPAN) IN PARALLEL APPROACH
TO ROSENSTOCK SAID DECISION WAS NOT FINAL, BUT JAPAN
WAS CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS WITH VIEW TO DOING
SO IN NEAR FUTURE. SUZUKI THOUGHT CHINESE UNLIKELY TO
PUT UP CANDIDATE (ODA LIKELY WITHDRAW IF THEY DID)
AND ASIAN GROUP ENDORSEMENT OF ODA FAIRLY GOOD. (CONFIDENTIAL -OURTEL 255)

HABITAT PREPARATORY COMITE --

IN LONG AND ARDUOUS MEETING JAN. 24, PREPCOM CONCLUDED SESSION, OR RATHER "SUSPENDED" IT SO THAT AUGUST 25-29 MEETINGS WILL BE RESUMED SESSION. SEEN AS WHOLE, SESSION WAS SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF GIVING SIGNIFICANT IMPETUS TO PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR VANCOUVER CONFERENCE. MOST IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS FORMULATION OF PAPER WITH AGENDA THEMES AND ISSUES, TO BE REVISED BY SECRETARIAT, APPROVED BY PREPCOM IN AUGUST, AND SUBMITTED TO GA. CONFERENCE SYG HAS IN MIND CONVENING IN EARLY JULY AD HOC GROUPS OF EXPERTS TO WORK ON 1) DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, AND 2) RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. SOVIETS, AT LEAST IN COMITE MEETINGS, DID NOT PLAY PARTICULARLY ACTIVE ROLE. MANY LDC'S WERE REPRESENTED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS. USYG WAS GIVEN DISCRETION TO CHOOSE SITE OF NEXT TWO MEETINGS. AND GREECE OFFERED TO HOST ONE OF THEM.

IN DRAFTING COMITE, WHICH PREPARED AGENDA THEMES AND ISSUES, RATHER SERIOUS DISPUTE AROSE BETWEEN LA'S, PRIMARILY COLOMBIANS, AND REPS FROM OTHER REGIONS. LA'S FEARED THAT KIND OF IDEAS BEING FLOATED BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WOULD TURN CONFERENCE INTO OVERWHELMINGLY ACADEMIC ONE, AND THEY PRESSED FOR MORE "PROBLEM" OR "ISSUE" ORIENTED AGENDA. DRAFT WAS HASTILY-PUT-TOGETHER COMPROMISE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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AS RESULT CONTAINS AMBIGUITIES WHICH GENERATED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION. ISSUE WAS RESOLVED BY AGREEMENT TO REQUEST SYG TO REVISE PAPER.

DRAFTING COMITE'S REPORT IS DIVIDED INTO SIX PARTS
DEALING WITH: OBJECTIVE OF CONFERENCE; MAJOR HUMAN SETTLEMENT ISSUES; MAJOR THEMES AND TOPICS; APPROACH TO SOLUTIONS;
INTERNATIONAL ACTION AND COOPERATION; AND TIME-TABLE

FOR PREPARATORY PROCESS. REVISED REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED BY REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS MEETING THIS SPRING. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTELS 248, 249, A74)

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WORLD ASSEMBLY ON THE AGING --

WHEN QUIRIED BY USUN, DELS OF UK, ITALY, CYPRUS, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND AUSTRIA INDICATED THEY WERE NOT INTERESTED IN WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGING. AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MALI, SUDAN, NIGERIA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SAID THAT ELDERLY ARE NOT PRIORITY ISSUE AND THEY WOULD RATHER FOCUS ATTENTION ON OTHER, MORE CRITICAL MATTERS OF DEVELOPMENT. DURING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETINGS, SPANISH OBSERVER SAID GOS FAVORED CONVENING SECOND CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR AGED AND WAS PREPARED TO HOST 1976 CONFERENCE, BUT NONE OF COMMISSION MEMBERS RESPONDED TO INVITATION. (OURTEL 250)

MEXICAN CANDIDACY --

BY NOTE, MEXICO REQUESTED US SUPPORT FOR ITS CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. (OURTEL 257)

WORKING GROUP ON ECOSOC RULES OF PROCEDURE --

WG HELD FIRST MEETING JAN. 27, ELECTED BENITES (ECUADOR)
AS CHAIRMAN, AND BEGAN ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE EXAMINATION
OF DRAFT REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE SUBMITTED BY SECRETARIAT.
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HOWEVER, IT DEFERRED FURTHER MEETINGS UNTIL JAN. 29, BY WHICH TIME IT EXPECTS ALL OF ITS MEMBERS WILL HAVE BEEN ELECTED. WG IS TO CONSIST OF TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH OF FIVE REGIONAL GROUPS, THOUGH IT IS OPEN TO OTHER INTERESTED UN MEMBER STATES. JAN. 15 ECOSOC ELECTED ECUADOR, MEXICO AND USSR TO SERVE ON GROUP, AND REMAINING MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED JAN. 28.

UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL --

INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP AGREED JAN. 27 ON TEXT OF DRAFT DECISION ON PROGRAM RESOURCES AND COSTS OUTLOOK FOR 1977-81, WHICH UNDP GC PLENARY WILL CONSIDER JAN. 28. DRAFT WOULD INTER ALIA INVITE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSULT WITH GOVTS WITH VIEW TO RECOMMENDING "OVERALL AVERAGE GROWTH RATE

OF RESOURCES THAT MAY BE ASSURED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FOR 1977-81, DESIGNED TO ENSURE DYNAMIC GROWTH TO UNDP."
WORDS "DYNAMIC GROWTH" INCLUDED TO PERMIT CONSENSUS IN VIEW OF CUBAN INSISTENCE ON REFERENCE TO NEED FOR "REAL GROWTH" AND OPPOSITION OF SEVERAL MAJOR DONORS TO ITS INCLUSION. DURING PREVIOUS WEEK WORKING GROUP HAD HELD EXTENSIVE DEBATE AND MAJOR ISSUE WAS WHETHER RATE OF GROWTH OF RESOURCES SHOULD BE TIED TO SOME LEVEL OF REAL RESOURCES GROWTH, WITH SCANDINAVIANS, NETHERLANDS AND LDC'S PREFERRING MUCH HIGHER RANGE THAN SOME MAJOR DONORS. (OURTELS 252, 256)

UNCITRAL WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS --

EXPERT WORKING GROUP OPENED TWO-WEEK SESSION JAN. 27
AND RESUMED WORK ON REVISED SET OF LEGAL RULES REGULATING
OBLIGATIONS OF BUYERS AND SELLERS. GROUP UNANIMOUSLY
REELECTED BARRERA-GRAF (MEXICO) AS CHAIRMAN, AND ELECTED
EORSI (HUNGARY) AS VICE CHAIRMAN AND LOEWE (AUSTRIA)
AS REPPORTEUR. EORSI WILL ACT AS CHAIRMAN AT CURRENT
SESSION DUE TO ABSENCE OF BARRERA-GRAF, WHO IS UNABLE TO
ATTEND DUE TO INJURY. GROUP IS CONTINUING ARTICLE-BYARTICLE EXAMINATION OF UNIFORM LAW ON INTERNATIONAL SALE
OF GOODS, AND BEGAN CONSIDERING UNRESOLVED ISSUES RELATING
TO ART. 1, WHICH LAYS DOWN TYPES OF CONTRACTS FOR SALE OF
GOODS TO WHICH TEXT WOULD APPLY.

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JDL DEMONSTRATIONS --

GROUP OF ABOUT 50 DEMONSTRATORS REPRESENTING JDL PICKETED FOR HOUR IN VICINITY OF SOVIET MISSION JAN. 26 AND THEN PROCEEDED TO EGYPTIAN UN MISSION. WHILE DEMONSTRATORS WERE BEING ESCORTED BY POLICE TO EGYPTIAN MISSION, SMALL GROUP EVIDENTLY RAN AHEAD, HURLED STONES AND BAGS OF RED LIQUID AT EGYPTIAN MISSION, BROKE TWO WINDOWS, AND DISAPPEARED UNNOTICED. WHEN MAIN GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS ARRIVED EIGHT WERE ARRESTED ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGES FOR SITTING DOWN ON MADISON AVENUE AND OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC. (OURTEL 259)

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